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For: DISPENSERS AND METHODS OF)
DISPENSING ITEMS)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In a Restriction Requirement mailed March 24, 2005, the Examiner identifies the following allegedly, patentably distinct species and requests that Applicant identify the claims associated with each species and elect one of these species for prosecution in the above-captioned patent application:

<u>Species:</u>	<u>Figure(s):</u>	<u>Associated Claims:</u>
I	Figs. 1 and 2	Claims 1, 4-23, and 25-81
II	Fig. 3	Claims 1-23 and 25-81
III	Fig. 5	Claims 1, 4-22, and 24-81
IV	Fig. 6	Claims 1, 4-22, and 24-81
V	Fig. 12	Claims 1, 4-22, 25-27, and 30-79

The Examiner indicates that claim 1 is currently generic. Nevertheless, Applicant maintains that claims 1, 4-22, 25-27, and 30-79 are generic to Species I-V. In addition, claims 28, 29, 80, and 81 are generic to Species I-IV; claim 23 is generic to Species I and II; and claim 24 is generic to Species III and IV. **In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Species III (Fig. 5; Claims 1, 4-22, and 24-81), with traverse.**